GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Direct Transfer of Funds to Cotton Farmers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to direct transfer funds to the accounts of cotton farmers on an experimental basis, if the price of cotton drops below the Minimum Support Price;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government also proposes to make funds available to the State Governments to be paid to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Cotton Corporation of India will get into MSP operations as and when required in the cotton growing States and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the cotton industry paid higher prices for cotton especially textile mills in cotton producing Telangana and Andhra Pradesh though these are cotton producing States and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government of India through Government of Maharashtra made a proposal to implement direct transfer of funds to the account of cotton farmers in the cotton season 2015-16 through the Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd. (MSCCGMFL) in Maharashtra on a pilot basis, if the price of cotton drops below the Minimum Support Prices (MSP).

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been nominated by the Government of India to undertake Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation in the event when prices of seed cotton (kapas) touches Minimum Support Price (MSP) levels to procure entire quantity of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade kapas offered by the cotton farmers in various Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) market yards at MSP rates. As on 18.2.2016, in the present cotton season 2015-16 (October, 2015 to September, 2016), 196.68 lakh bales have arrived so far. Out of this, 8.21 lakh bales have been procured by CCI under MSP operations.

(e): No Madam.
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